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a. Central Biological Research Laboratory (CBRL)

(1) Name: KIM (fmr). Civilian

Position: Director

(2) Name: KJM Nak-kyōng¹ (6855/5507/6975), Civilian

Position: Chief, Toxin Section

(3) Name: AN Sun-yǒng¹ (1344/7311/5391), Civilian

Position: Chief, Tuberculosis Section

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b. Central Preventive Medical Military Unit (CPMMU)

This installation which is affiliated with and controlled by the Medical Affairs Bureau, Rear General Bureau, Ministry of National Defense, is in P'yongyang and employs approximately 100 persons. The unit is primarily concerned with research in the perfecting of vaccines² already in use and in research on new immunization procedures, including vaccines for the prevention of cholera, typhus, tetanus, smallpox, typhoid, rabies, and tubercular skin vaccines. The CPMMU and the CBRL have been supplying vaccines to military personnel and civilians in North Korea since 1954. Prior to 1954 Soviet vaccines had been used almost exclusively. The following military personnel were assigned to this medical unit:

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2. Soviet medical standards obtain and Soviet-trained individuals act as consultants to the CBRL and the CPMMU, and until 1953 Soviet advisors were present at these installations. One USSR scientific institution, the Leningrad Immunization or Preventive Medical College, at that time provided a full professor to the CBRL and CPMMU as a consultant and advisor.
3. The Central Preventive Disease Laboratory and the Sanitation Inspection Office are associated with micro-biological research in North Korea. Both facilities are controlled by the Ministry of Health.

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5. These individuals are prominent members of the Korean Labor Party, and have won commendations for revealing "germ warfare agents and materials used by the United States during the Korean War". HONG Sun-ok has been involved in research on salmonella, a bacteriological parasite which attacks the intestines of animals and of humans.

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2. The quality of both the products and of the training in micro-biological research in North Korea is considerably below U.S. standards. Immunization media prepared in North Korea are vastly inferior both in quality and in quantity to the same products manufactured in the United States but it should be noted that vast strides have been made in this field within the past two years in North Korea.

3. KIM recently transferred to the 11th Essential Hospital, KPA.

4. Comment. FBIS, 19 October 1953, reported a YANG Chin-hong as president of P'yongyang Medical College.

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